

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know why there is so much disproportion with the amounts actually applied for and those disbursed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): In some cases the parties themselves who have applied might have withdrawn their applications. There may be occasions when it may not be convenient to disburse the sanctioned amount.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I have an idea of the yearly allotment for the years 1107 to 1109?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I claim notice.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether there was any case of disallowance of applications on account of want of funds?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): If there are enough funds there will be no disallowance.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): In this particular case may I know whether there was any disallowance on account of want of funds?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I have no information.

Allotment for the P. W. D. Southern Division.

29. *MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the amount yearly allotted for the P. W. D. Southern Division for the years 1100 to 1109 and the amount actually spent in those years, respectively; and

(b) the amounts actually spent in those years on maintenance of irrigation tanks, the amounts actually spent in those years for the original irrigation works and maintenance of irrigation works, respectively?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (a) and (b). Statements^s containing the required information are laid on the table.

Delivery Peons in Anchal Offices.

30. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table:

(i) a list of persons who have been appointed as permanent delivery peons in Anchal Offices in the Mavelikara Division from 1-1-1108 up to now (i. e., on 17-11-1109) with the dates of their first entertainment and total acting service; and

(ii) a list of persons who are now (i. e., on 17-11-1109) acting as such peons with the dates of their first entertainment and total acting service?

(b) If any peon in the answer to part (i) was entertained later or has only shorter acting service than any one in the answer to part (ii),

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will they be pleased to state the reason for confirming the former in preference to the latter?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (a) (i) The *list is placed on the table.

(ii) The list is placed on the table.

(b) No. 2 in list (i) was confirmed in consideration of his caste, No. 3 on account of his past permanent service as runner, Nos. 4 and 5 in consideration of their efficiency and No. 6 in consideration of his community and qualifications.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether in confirming acting hands questions of caste and community are taken into consideration?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Sometimes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know the occasions on which those things are taken into consideration?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is left to the discretion of the appointing officers.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Am I to understand whenever an officer chooses, he can plead any cause and confirm the acting hand irrespective of the claim of seniority?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There are general principles to be followed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What are they please?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Efficiency, seniority, priority of entrance in service, etc.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know when considerations of caste prevail over seniority?

PRESIDENT: He says all things being considered, then caste also has a place.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the castes of all acting incumbents are ascertained before making confirmation?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): On first entertainment, the question of caste is considered.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know, is a list of castes maintained by the departments and officers?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The community to which an officer belongs is noted when he is entertained.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Are not questions of caste taken into consideration at the time of entertainment?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will that again be considered at the time of confirmation?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): May be.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): My question is, are they to be? Are the officers bound to take that into consideration?

PRESIDENT: Sometimes they are taken into consideration; that is how I understand the official member. The officer who gives confirmation also looks into seniority, merit, past work, conduct, etc., and all that and if there are more than one man, satisfying these requirements, the officer when he feels that a particular community is not represented, naturally appoints that man. That is what I understand from the official member.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): In the statement Appendix III No. 6, I wish to know the caste to which he belongs.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is given there.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Was the question of his caste taken into consideration at the time of confirming this acting incumbent?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): He has not been confirmed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): When confirming others junior to him, was the question of his caste taken into consideration?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Anchal Superintendent must have done so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is that an inference or a guess?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Inference.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I wish to know, if the Anchal Superintendent has not taken into consideration that fact, is he bound to submit an explanation to Government for overlooking that fact?

PRESIDENT: Not necessarily. Government have no occasion to have that.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know, if he has omitted to consider that fact, is he bound to submit an explanation to Government?

PRESIDENT: The presumption is that the man did his duty properly. Therefore, there was no need for getting his explanation. That is what the member says.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): It is stated in answer to (b) that numbers 4 and 5 were confirmed in consideration of their efficiency. My question is, does that apply to the delivery peons in Anchal Offices? I wish to know what are the factors in determining the efficiency of delivery peons.

PRESIDENT: Doing it quickly is one test. Delivering it correct is another.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether any report has been received to the effect that claims of senior men have been overlooked and that they have been not delivering letters properly?

PRESIDENT: Such cases will not come to Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): My point is, when the answer to this was given and when the Government noted that the claims of senior people have been overlooked, have they tried to ascertain the reason for overlooking the claims of such men?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The answer given presumes that the others were not so efficient.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Are the Government satisfied with the presumption in over-looking the claims of this particular individual?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): His claim was not over-looked.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government call for an explanation on this point?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government do not consider it necessary.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Am I to understand that in spite of this fact they are satisfied with presumptions?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that the Government do not think it necessary to call for the explanation.

Appeals from Teachers of Private Schools.

31. ***MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of appeals received by the Director of Public Instruction during 1109 from the teachers of private schools whose services have been dispensed with by the managers, with the dates on which those appeals were filed and the dates on which they were disposed of; and

(b) the number of appeals that were allowed?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (a) The information is contained in the statement laid on the table.

(c) 4.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With regard to answer to part (b) may I know whether the Director, before rejecting an appeal, gives the appellant an opportunity of representing his case to the Director?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Not in all cases

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Appendix III.

Vide Answer to Question No. 30.

(i) List of persons who have been appointed as permanent delivery peons in Anchal Offices in the Mavelikara Division from 1-1-08 up to 17-11-109 with the dates of their first entertainment and total service.

No.	Name.	Date of 1st entertainment.	Total service on the date of confirmation.			Remarks.
			Year.	Month.	Days.	
1	V. Raghavan Pillai ...	2-8-101	6	11	8	Acting service.
2	T. D. Madhavan...	8-7-103	5	0	1	Acting service Hindu Pulaya.
3	K. Ananthan Pillai ...	1-4-106	2	4	0	Permanent service (Disbanded runner absorbed as peon.)
4	C. G. Chacko ...	18-10-103	5	0	19	Permanent service (Permanent runner promoted as peon)
5	C. Raghavan Pillai ...	1-6-103	5	8	0	Permanent service (Permanent runner promoted as peon)
6	N. Mytheen Pitcha Rowther ...	17-5-109	0	3	1	Acting service Mahommadan with V. S. L. C.

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(ii) List of persons who are now acting as Anchal peons in Anchal offices in the Mavelikara Division with the dates of their first entertainment and total acting service.

No.	Name.	Date of 1st entertainment.	Total acting service.			Remarks.
			Y.	M.	D.	
1	T. K. Parameswaran Pillai ...	2-9-98	2	11	8	
2	K. V. Parameswaran Pillai ...	15-12-98	3	0	16	
3	P. G. Narayana Pillai ...	18-2-102	4	11	3	
4	Nilakanta Kurup ...	9-1-102	3	10	8	
5	K. Kunjan Pillai ...	9-12-102	5	7	9	
6	Gopalan Unni ...	19-1-104	4	3	27	
7	A. Parameswaran Panickar ...	19-3-105	1	11	17	Hindu Washer-man.
8	M. K. Vasudevan Nair ...	23-4-104	2	6	6	
9	N. Krishna Pillai ...	15-6-102	4	1	17	
10	P. Vasudevan Nair ...	1-7-105	1	8	24	
11	K. G. Kuttan Pillai ...	5-1-106	0	11	14	V. S. L. C
12	M. K. Varughese ...	1-8-107		1	2	Do.
13	I. Geevarghese ...	17-12-108			19	Do.
14	N. Sankaran ...	3-1-109		2	21	Chacka (Hindu.)
15	T. K. Azhakan ...	12-8-107		5	6	Hindu (Pulaya.)
16	S. Parameswaran Nair ...	23-9-108		1	15	V. S. L. C.
17	Kochukunju Panickar ...	14-6-108		3	7	Hindu Kuravan.